

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

A soft material compensator comprising a support carrier having at least one woven or knitted layer of fibers of natural or synthetic polymers, particularly mineral fibers, glass fibers, polyester fibers, polyamide fibers and/or aramid fibers, and comprising a barrier layer in the form of a polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) foil which is arranged at the side of the support carrier facing the inner side of the compensator and is bonded to the support carrier. For use in particular in the food or pharmaceutical industry, there is provided at the outer side of the compensator a protective layer in the form of an elastomeric outer layer that is likewise bonded to the support carrier, which protective layer significantly changes color in the event that a diffusion occurs from the interior of the compensator into the outer layer due to damages of the barrier layer.